

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2005. In the subject Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 27-29, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Aegerter (WO 79/00969). Further, the Examiner rejected Claim 30, 33 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aegerter. The Examiner also objected to Claim 27 because of an informality, as well as Claim 32, 35, and 36 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement recently filed by the Applicant. The document not previously made of record and apparently not considered is U.S. Pat. No. 4,171,618 to Aegerter, issued October 23, 1979.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-26 are allowable, and that Claims 32, 35 and 36 would be allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant further acknowledges the Examiner's renumbering of the second Claim 35 to Claim 36.

By the present amendment to the Claims, Applicant has cancelled rejected Claims 27, 29-31, 33, and 34. Additionally, Claims 32, 35, and 36 have been amended to recite all of the features set forth in the original base claim, and all intervening claims. More particularly, Claim 32 now recites all of the features in original but now cancelled Claims 28, 29, 30, and 31. Furthermore, Claim 35 now recites all of the features in original but now cancelled Claims 28, 29, 33, and 34. Claim 36 depends on Claim 35, and accordingly further defines and recites additional features of Claim 36. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 32, 35, and 36 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

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Applicant respectfully submits that each and every pending claim of the present invention meets the requirements for patentability and respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate allowance of each and every pending claim of the present invention. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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